Salem, Columbiana Co. O.
24 Aug. 1849.

Dear Bro. May:

You will see the Call for our Young Men's and Women's Convention in the Bugle. It is to be held Sept. 21st, 22d, & 23d. The Committee of Arrangements have instructed me to invite you to be present. How I wish it were possible for you to comply! Having no hope, however, of that, I beg that you will write me a letter to be read to the Convention and published with its proceedings. The friends here will regard it as no idle form, but a substantial proof of your interest in the cause at the West.

Let me thank you for your letter giving an account of the Worcester meeting. It was just what I wanted. I would write you at length, but I am extremely hurried, having some 20 letters to write to-day.

Yours, faithfully,

Oliver Johnson.

Take up y. cross. What cross do the professed X$^{ns.}$ of this country take up?

"Some great Cause, God's new Messiah"

The X^{nty} of y. age is in y. A.S. cause –

Christ speaks to this Country in y. person of y. A.S. cause; not y$^{t.}$ y. subject of slavery is y. only one of importance or duty, but y. it is of y$^{t.}$ exact nature & character as to present a decisive test of y. religion of the nation. It has all y. elements wh. X^{nty} had in y. days when X$^{t.}$ & y. apostles taught it & suffered for it. And y. prevailing

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religion of y. country strongly resembles y. Judaism of his time, and its ministers are y. very pattern & counterpart of those "scribes and pharisees", who bound heavy burdens &c. who shut up y. kingdom of heaven agst. men, &c. who were like whited sepulchres, &c, — &c. — &c. — & whom Jesus denounced as "blind guides", and "hypocrites."

I repeat — it is true y. this is not y. only point of duty, but this also is true, y. no ~~who~~ one can neglect this, & be trusted to defend any other post, maintain any other great ~~content~~ principle, in y. Xn. warfare; while such subjects are _popular_, adherents & advocates can be found in multitudes, but is not at such times or under such circumstances that y. true believer, y. faithful servant, is to be known. If a man will not come to y. defence & rescue, in ~~a case of~~ a cause so pre-eminently just & true, so overwhelmingly & immediately important, as y. A. S. cause, we cannot but have strong suspicions of the nature of the ties that bind him to other professedly good & religious objects; if a man will not espouse y. cause of Christ's _poor_, what sympathy has he with _Christ_ himself? if he cannot glory in becoming, if need be, "of no reputation" in behalf of the truth, what fellowship has he with y. mind of Christ? We ~~can~~ cannot but say of such men & churches, who despise & slight y. A. S. cause, as Xt. said of y. false teachers of his days, that "inasmuch as they "offend in one point, _they are guilty_ of all" — found wanting in this thing (a thing too of such magnitude) ~~& evident~~ they are deserving of confidence in nothing.

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